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Attn: Mark Moran, MD
CEO

Gentlemen:

This letter shall modify the Asset Purchase Agreement by and between BioMedicines, Inc. ("BMI") and Chiron Corporation ("Chiron") dated November 7, 2002 (the "Purchase Agreement") and the Patent Assignment Agreement by and between BMI and Chiron dated November 7, 2002 (the "Patent Assignment"), to correct a reference to a certain patent number identified in the Purchase Agreement and the Patent Assignment as set forth below.

Schedule 2.1(a) of the Purchase Agreement is modified by deleting the reference to "US6077454" in each place where it appears and replacing each such reference with "US6077545."

Schedule 1 of the Patent Assignment is modified by deleting the reference to "US6077454" in each place where it appears and replacing each such reference with "US6077545."

Please sign in the place where indicated below and return the original, retaining a copy for your files.

Very Truly yours,

CHIRON CORPORATION

By:


Craig A. Wheeler
President
BioPharmaceuticals

ACCEPTED AND AGREED THIS 27 DAY OF JANUARY, 2003;
BIOMEDICINES, INC.

By: *Mark Moran*

Mark Moran, MD
Chief Executive Officer